After Final Office Action of April 15, 2008

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 16 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 16, and 18 have been

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allowed. By this response claims 12-15 are canceled. Allowance of the application is

respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) as being anticipated by Nishino

Kenji (JP Patent No. 06-12195). Claims 12-15 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is now

moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

With the cancellation of claims 12-15, the application should be in condition for

allowance. Pending claims 1-4, 6-10, 16 and 18 have been allowed. Therefore, allowance of the

application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad Billings Registration No.

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expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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